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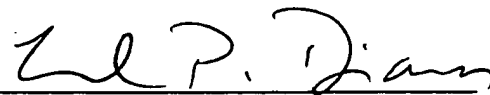
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09/238,570	01/28/99	2721
09/577,980	05/25/00	3727
09/437,343	11/10/99	2748

 A copy of each cited Application is enclosed.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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		APPLICANT SATORU WAKAO ET AL.	
		FILING DATE June 8, 2001	GROUP N/Y/A

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
*EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE	
✓	5,742,620	04/98	Iwamura	371	37.11		
↓	5,604,752	02/97	Iwamura	371	37.1		
	5,535,140	07/96	Iwamura	364	550		

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